

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 21-39 are supported by the specification at pages 5-47 and by the original claims. No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 21-39 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a method of suppressing a rejection of an organ transplant rejection, comprising administering to an organ transplant recipient an effective amount a composition comprising a substance having a function of decreasing a reduced glutathione content in at least one cell selected from the group consisting of macrophages, monocytes and dendritic cells. See Claim 21.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hamuro et al. is respectfully traversed. Hamuro et al. fail to disclose the claimed method.

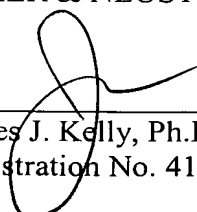
Hamuro et al. disclose an immunomodulator. The reference fails to disclose administering the immunomodulator to an organ transplant recipient in order to suppress rejection of the transplant, nor is there a suggestion of such a method in the reference. Accordingly, Hamuro et al. fail to disclose or suggest the claimed method. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the election of species, Applicants note that the full scope of the claimed subject matter is allowable. Accordingly, the pending claims are allowable in their current form.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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